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For: SURGICAL DEVICES INCORPORATING
LIQUID JET ASSISTED TISSUE
MANIPULATION AND METHODS FOR
THEIR USE

Examiner: Katherine Marie Dowe

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 2, 2009 (Paper No. 20090323), the response date of which is extended to October 2, 2009 by the accompanying request for an extension of time, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.